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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 and 17 February 1951 the stakes used for the surveying of the Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield had not yet been removed. Stakes were seen recently in the area extending from the eastern edge of the field as far as the outskirts of the city. This terrain was very rugged. Holes one meter square and approximately one meter deep were dug there. Three quarters of these holes were filled with subsoil water. A larger hole, which was two meters deep, was dry, presumably because it was dug in a layer of loam. In the middle of this area was a small construction hut and not far from it a winch about 3½ meters high similar to those used for drilling wells. West of this area were several excavations which looked like emplacements. From there the terrain sloped down as far as the outskirts of the city. *
2. Up to 17 February only clearing work was observed at the field. A narrow-gauge field railway was used for this work, which started from the eastern edge of the field. Construction shacks were erected in the southern part of the area close to Bindersleben. A slightly damaged building had been repaired there. The quantities of building materials and machines had been doubled. The center of the building site was lighted at night. A sign inscribed Baunhion-South, Jena Section, was seen. ** Soldiers or military equipment were not observed. The field was guarded by civilians. The building workers employed at the field, including technical personnel, were estimated at 150 men. ***

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* Comment. The extension of the Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield toward the east is not confirmed. If the staked area should be included in the field, it would have a length of approximately 3½ km. For sketch of the airfield, see Annex.

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** Comment. Only preparatory work has been done at the field.

*** Comment. The field is not occupied by a military unit.

1 Annex: Sketch.

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Legend

- Center of building site
- Excavations about 1/2 meter wide and 1 to 1 1/2 meter deep
- 3 Area with excavated holes and a construction hut
- 4 Narrow-gauge field railway
- 5 Staked off area

